

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 444

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jennifer Petty Whitener on her selection as 2013 Teacher of the Year for Wilson County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Petty Whitener is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Whitener has recently been selected as the 2013 Teacher of the Year for Wilson County at the 15th Annual Teacher of the Year banquet, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, the annual winner of the Teacher of the Year award in Wilson County is selected by an anonymous panel of Cumberland University faculty members who chose from submissions from each of the twenty-eight public and private schools in Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Cumberland University, Mrs. Whitener is a fourteen-year veteran of the classroom and is currently a seventh grade teacher at McClain Christian Academy; and

WHEREAS, she has always strived to be a productive and responsible citizen and is active in school, society, and church; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Petty Whitener is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Whitener truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Mrs. Whitener is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband, Lewis, and their two sons, Matt and Jon; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Petty Whitener truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jennifer Petty Whitener on being chosen 2013 Teacher of the Year for Wilson County, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.